



MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATORS
FROM: MICHIGAN HORSEMENS BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (HBPA)
SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009 - 45 & SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 24
DATE: 10/21/2009

The Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (HBPA) opposes moving the Office of Racing Commissioner to the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Board.

The equine industry in Michigan is primarily an agricultural function. The industry is more than simply pari-mutuel wagering. It involves the raising, breeding, and training of equine and impacts nearly every community in Michigan. Our members are owners, trainers, breeders, and jockeys. Moving the ORC under the auspices of the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Board makes no sense as they are a regulatory body and not focused on promoting the equine industry as is the ORC.

Help save agriculture by keeping the Office of Racing Commissioner under the auspices of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.